Envirothon Community Service Learning Program

The Department of Public Instruction is requiring school programs like advanced courses of study to have each student to do a service project as part of the requirements for them to graduate. Some counties now require seniors to do a project before they graduate. The Envirothon Committee voted to start a voluntary Envirothon Community Learning Service Project program as part of the Envirothon.

Envirothon Community Service Learning Projects

1. At the start of the school year the announcement will be made to High School and to Middle School teachers and to Soil & Water Conservation Districts about the program.

2. The program will be voluntary for participation.

3. Envirothon teams will design and develop a community type project and carry it out during the school year.

4. It can be a service project, a physical project or a data-sharing project.

    A.   Physical project (Outdoor classroom, nature trail, wildlife habitat development, small pond for school use)
    B.   Service project (High School Envirothon team teaching middle school students, picking up litter along a designated stream, starting a recycling program in school)
    C.   Data sharing project (keeping data on a stream, pond as to water quality parameters such as DO, pH, macro-invertebrates found, putting this information into a poster paper and presenting it.)

5. Project has to be written up in a format with enough detail that a layman can understand what your mission and goals were. It can include graphs, pictures, posters, etc.

6. A fifteen-minute presentation of the project must be made to a public body or a meeting of people from the community. Such as a Community Service Organization --Lions Club, Rotary Club, and County Commissioners.

7. Videotape the presentation and send it in to be judged along with the write up of the project.

8. Deadline would be early spring –March 1, 2006.

9. There would be plaques awarded.

10. These awards would be given out during the awards on Saturday at the State Envirothon.